

Amendments to the Claims:

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

B 1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for seeding a search system for searching for media available through a communications network, said method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one ~~of a~~ search term to said search system;

receiving at least one search result from said search system in view of a performed search using said search term, wherein said search result comprises metadata associated with said media;

parsing said at least one search result for providing parsed metadata; and

providing said parsed metadata to said search system as ~~said at least one search term~~ a seed for a subsequent search operation.

2. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of searching for said media.

3. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of storing said at least one search result in at least one of memory and a relational database management system.

4. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said metadata comprises at least one of a uniform resource indicator (URI) of a media file, a URI of a web page, a URI of a service, a URI of a device, a web page title, a web page keyword, a web page description, a header of a media file, a footer of a media file, a metatag, and an embedded data in a media file.

5. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said metadata comprise elements related to at least one of content of the media, intellectual property rights associated with the media, and instantiation of the media.

6. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said media comprises at least one of multimedia and streaming media.

7. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said communications network is a computer network.

8. (Currently amended) A computer system for seeding a search system for searching for media ~~on a~~ available via a computer network, all computers in said system being communicatively coupled to each other, wherein each of said at least one computer includes at least one program stored therein for allowing communication between each and every ~~of~~ said at least one computer, each of said at least one program operating in conjunction with one another to cause said at least one computer to perform the steps of:

providing at least one search term to said search system;
receiving at least one search result from said search system in view of a performed search using said search term, wherein said search result comprises metadata associated with said media;
parsing said at least one search result for providing parsed metadata; and
providing said parsed metadata to said search system ~~as said at least search term~~ as a seed for a subsequent search operation.

9. (Currently amended) A ~~program-computer~~ readable medium having embodied thereon a program for causing a processor to seed a search system for searching for media on a communications network ~~by, said program-readable medium~~ comprising:

~~providing means for causing said processor to provide~~ at least one search term to said search system;
~~receiving means for causing said processor to receive~~ at least one search result from said search system in view of a performed search using said search term, wherein said search result comprises metadata associated with said media;

~~parsing means for causing said processor to parse said at least one search result for providing parsed metadata; and~~
 ~~providing means for causing said processor to provide said parsed metadata to said search system as said at least search term as a seed for a subsequent search operation.~~

10. (Currently amended) A data signal embodied in a carrier wave comprising:

- a provide search term code segment for providing at least one search term to a search system for searching for media on a communications network;
- a receive results code segment for receiving at least one search result from said search system in view of a performed search using said search term, wherein said search result comprises metadata associated with said media;
- a parse code segment for parsing said at least one search result for providing parsed metadata; and
- a provide parsed search term code segment for providing said parsed metadata to said search system ~~1-as said at least search term~~ as a seed for a subsequent search operation.

11. (Original) A data signal in accordance with claim 10, further comprising a search code segment for searching for said media.

12. (Original) A data signal in accordance with claim 10, further comprising a memory store code segment for storing said at least one search result in least one of memory and a relational database management system.

13. (Original) A data signal in accordance with claim 10, wherein a source of said metadata comprises at least one source selected from the group consisting of a web page content, a uniform resource indicator, a media file, and a transport stream.

14. (Original) A data signal in accordance with claim 10, wherein said metadata comprise elements related to at least one of content of the media, intellectual property rights associated with the media, and instantiation of the media.

15. (Original) A data signal in accordance with claim 10, wherein said media comprises at least one of multimedia and streaming media.

16. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for seeding a search system for searching for at least one of multimedia and streaming media available on a communications network, said method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one search term to said search system;

receiving at least one search result from said search system in view of a performed search using said search term, wherein said search result comprises metadata associated with said at least one of multimedia and streaming media;

parsing said at least one search result for providing parsed metadata; and

providing said parsed metadata to said search system as a seed for a subsequent search operation.

17. (New) A computer implemented method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said subsequent search operation uses said seed to enable a web crawling spider to search for additional media available through said communications network.

18. (New) A computer system in accordance with claim 8, wherein said subsequent search operation uses said seed to enable a web crawling spider to search for additional media available through said computer network.

19. (New) A computer readable medium in accordance with claim 9, wherein said subsequent search operation uses said seed to enable a web crawling spider to search for additional media available through said communications network.

20. (New) A data signal embodied in a carrier wave in accordance with claim 10, wherein said subsequent search operation uses said seed to enable a web crawling spider to search for additional media available through said communications network.

21. (New) A computer implemented method in accordance with claim 16, wherein said subsequent search operation uses said seed to enable a web crawling spider to search for additional media available through said communications network.
